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Sir:

In response to the Office Letter dated May 5, 2002 in connection with the above-identified patent application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE DISCLOSURE

Please cancel paragraph [0052] of the specification and substitute therefore the following paragraph:

[0052] *In vitro* DNA manipulation for cloning in *E. coli* was performed as described by Sambrook *et al.* [Sambrook *et al.* (1989) Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual. Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Cold Spring Harbor, NY]. The strategy used to create different GFP-carrying plasmids is represented in Fig. 1. The set of primers used were: (a) GFP/*Bam*HL2 (5'-GAA TCG GGA TCC TCA GTT GTA CAG TTC ATC CAT GC-3'; *Bam*HI restriction site underlined; SEQ ID NO:1) and RBS/*Pst*II.2 (5'-AAC AAA CTG CAG AAT AAT TTT GTT TAA CTT TAA GAA GG-3'; *Pst*II restriction site underlined; SEQ ID NO:2); and (b) RBS/*Mlu*I (5'-CAC GAC GCG TTG AAA TAA TTT TGT TTA ACT TTA AGA AGG-3', *Mlu*I restriction site underlined; SEQ ID NO:3) and GFP/*Xba*I (5'-